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REMARKS

In response to the Official Action of August 25, 2004, Applicants have canceled all rejected Claims 1-3, 21-22, 25, 30-31, 33, 37, 40, 46 and 48, without prejudice to filing a continuation application to pursue these canceled claims, and rewritten Claims 23-24, 29, 32 and 47 in independent form. Based on these amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

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